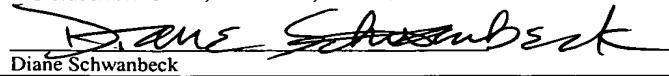


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For: **IMAGE PROCESSING TECHNIQUE FOR TONE NUMBER CONVERSION
 OF IMAGE DATA**

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 from 1) Japanese Application No. 2002-362229, filed on December 13, 2002; and 2) Japanese Application No. 2002-362216, filed on December 13, 2002.

Application Elements:

- 58** Pages of Specification, Claims, and Abstract
- 15** Sheets of Formal Drawings
- Pages of Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney

Accompanying Application Parts:

- Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet
- Separate Power of Attorney by Assignee
- 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee
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